

According to DPP-2006, these Offset obligations shall be discharged directly by the direct purchase of, or executing export orders for, defence products and components manufactured or services provided by Indian Defence Industries, i.e. Defence Public Sector Undertakings, the Ordnance Factory Board and any private defence industry manufacturing these products or components under an industrial licence granted for such manufacture. These Offset obligations may also be discharged by direct foreign investment in Indian defence industries, and in Indian organizations engaged in research in defence R&D.

Air tonnage ration sorties in Arunachal Pradesh

2299. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected requirement of air tonnage, both in fixed wing and rotary wing, annually, in respect of Arunachal Pradesh for the year 2006-2007;

(b) total tonnage allotted by Government till date;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the State Government for allocation of additional air tonnage for carrying out ration sorties by Indian Air Force Helicopters/Aircrafts in this remote border State; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh projected a total requirement of air tonnage of 1500 Metric Tonnes (MT) for Fixed Wing and 2600 MT for Rotary Wing for the financial year 2006-2007.

(b) Total tonnage allotted is 1400 MT for Fixed Wing and 600 MT for Rotary Wing for 2006-2007.

(c) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh had made a request for allotment of additional air tonnage of 1100 MT for Rotary Wing.

(d) The request of Government of Arunachal Pradesh was examined and it was found that allocation of additional tonnage for Rotary Wing was not feasible due to limited airlift capacity available with the Indian Air Force.

Accordingly, Government of Arunachal Pradesh has been informed and advised on 1-11-2006 to make alternative arrangements at their end.

Life insurance to soldiers

†2300. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide the facility of life insurance to all the soldiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this facility would be available for the soldiers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : (a) to (c) The Army already has an Insurance Scheme which provides life insurance cover to Defence Service personnel including soldiers on payment of a monthly subscription. The said Scheme also provides extended insurance cover to Ex-Servicemen upto 25 years after retirement or 75 years of age whichever is earlier on payment of one time non-refundable premium.

Encroachment on civilian land by army in Arunachal Pradesh

2301. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the army has encroached upon the civilian land in Sing Chung village under west Kamung district of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether any joint survey has been done to demarcate the boundaries of civilian and defence land there;

(c) whether any formal agreement was entered into between the civilians and the army at the time of acquisition of land; and

(d) if so, the details of such land acquisition process and other benefits given to the land donors?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.